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SUBJECT:HUMAN RIGHTS

FROM: AA/AFR:GTBUTCHER

1. I AM CONCERNED WITH THE LIMITED NUMBER AND THE NARROW
SCOPE OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSALS THAT THE BUREAU HAS BEEN
RECEIVING FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION. IN MOST INSTANCES
REQUESTS FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND THE PROTECTION OF
INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN PREDOMINANT. THESE REQUEST
HAVE BEEN MOSTLY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER SEC. 116 (E).WHILE
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THIS IS USEFUL AND CERTAINLY WORTHY OF SUPPORT, I WOULD
LIKE YOU TO ALSO CONSIDER OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN OUTSIDE OF
SECTION 116(E) CRITERIA. FOR EXAMPLE, IS THERE AN
APPROPRIATE ROLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS IN PROGRAMS
INVOLVING RESETTLEMENT SCHEMES? AS WE INVOLVE OURSELVES IN
RANGE MANAGEMENT SCHEMES AND OTHER CONTROL PROGRAMS, HAVE
WE CONSIDERED WHAT POSITIVE ACTIONS WE MIGHT TAKE IN REGARD

TO NOMADIC PEOPLE OR OTHER GROUPS THAT MAY BE EFFECTED?
ARE COOPERATIVES, PEASANT ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER GROUPINGS
OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH THE ROLE OF
WOMEN AND CHILDREN AS PART OF THE UNIT AND ARE THERE WAYS
THAT WE CAN ENHANCE THEIR ABILITY TO EXERCISE THAT IMPACT.
ARE THERE INSTANCES WHERE GROUPINGS OF PEOPLE HAVE HUMAN
RIGHTS GOALS WHICH THEY CANNOT ACHIEVE BECAUSE THEY LACK
MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE, TRAINING AND COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS.

ARE THERE ETHNIC GROUPS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN OUR
PROJECTS AND IF SO, ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES TO INVOLVE SUCH
GROUPS IN A POSITIVE WAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS? ARE
WE DOING ENOUGH TO INVOLVE LOCAL OPINION AND PARTICIPATION
IN THE DESIGN OF OUR PROGRAMS AND ARE OUR CONCERNS ABOUT
EQUITY PART OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS? IS
IT APPROPRIATE IN SOME PROJECTS TO HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN
EVALUATION FACTOR OF THE SUCCESS OF OUR PROJECTS?

2. SINCE YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCE
IN YOUR COUNTRIES AND HAVE A FEEL FOR WHAT IS AND WHAT IS
NOT SENSIBLE IN THIS AREA, I AM REQUESTING THAT YOU GIVE
SOME THOUGHT TO THIS MATTER.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU AND YOUR STAFF WOULD MAKE
THIS A SPECIAL CONCERN AND ADVISE ME OF ANY INSIGHTS YOU
MAY HAVE AND WAYS THAT WE MAY BECOME MORE ACTIVE AND
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